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SUBJECT: GENERAL SUMITRO RESURFACES

1. MAJOR JAKARTA DAILIES EVENING SEPT. 12 AND MORNING SEPT. 13 FRONT-PAGED STATEMENT BY FORMER DEPUTY ARMED FORCES COMMANDER IN CHIEF SUMITRO ISSUED BY DEFENSE DEPARTMENT (HANKAM) AS PART OF PREPARATIONS FOR 30 TH ANNIVERSARY INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES ON OCT. 5. SUMITRO MESSAGE ONE OF SEVERAL STATEMENTS BY FORMER MILITARY LEADERS PUBLISHED BY HANKAM INFORMATION CENTER, BUT SUMITRO STATEMENT WAS ONLY ONE TO GET SUBSTANTIAL PRESS PLAY, PROBABLY BECAUSE THIS IS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SUMTIRO COMMENTARY TO BE MADE PUBLIC SINCE HIS FORCED RESIGNATION IN WAKE OF JANUARY 1974 RIOTS.

2. AS REPORTED BY PRESS, SUBSTANCE OF SUMITRO MESSAGE IS LARGELY UNEXCEPTIONABLE COMMENTARY ON PROBLEMS OF TRANSTION FROM 1945 GENERATION TO SUCCESSOR GENERATION IN INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING FATHERLY SUGGESTION TO YOUNG OFFICERS THAT THEY MAINTAIN "DAY BOOK" AS MEANS OF SELF-APPRAISAL AND IMPROVEMENT. HOWEVER,
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SUMITRO ALSO TOOK OBVIOUS SWIPE AT HIS ERSTWHILE RIVAL

GEN. ALI MURTOPO IN STATEMENT THAT USE OF "INTRIGUE AND MANIPULATION" IS SHAMEFUL CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDONESIAN CULTURE AND MUST NOT BE PASSED ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION. SUMITRO ALSO CAUTIONED OLDER GENERATION WITHIN MILITARY TO FACE FACT THAT THEY ARE INCREASINGLY "TIRED AND DECREPIT" AND SHOULD WILLINGLY PASS ON RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOUNGER GENERATION, WHICH "CLEARLY WILL BE BETTER" THAN CURRENT LEADERS.

3. SUMITRO STATEMENT COMBINES "ELDER STATEMAN" COMMENTARY WITH TOUCH OF BITTERNESS (VIS-A-VIS MURTOPO) AND SOUR GRAPES (VIS-VIS SENIOR MILITARY LEADERS STILL IN ACTIVE SERVICE). OVER-ALL TONE IS NOT THAT IF MAN PLANNING ACTIVE COMEBACK. NEVERTHELESS, PROMINENT PRESS COVERAGE GIVEN TO STATEMENT REFLECTS CONTINUING PRESTIGE OF SUMITRO.
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